

**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on the 21st day of February, 2017, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 21st day of March, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk
Borough of Westwood

Ordinance #17-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, TO ESTABLISH A SELF-INSURANCE FUND FOR GROUP HEALTH
BENEFITS PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Westwood (the “Borough”) has determined that providing for a partially self-funded health insurance program for its eligible employees for a health reimbursement account (“HRA”) will be an efficient and cost effective method of providing such benefits to its employees; and

WHEREAS, such a program is authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-6e; and

WHEREAS, as part of the establishment of such a program it is required by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-8 that a board of fund commissioners be created to oversee the safe and proper administration of such a fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Borough Council as follows:

Part 1, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 33 Insurance, is hereby established as follows:

- A. Self-Insurance Fund for Health Insurance Benefits for eligible municipal employees.
1. There is hereby established a Trust Fund to be known as “The Self-Insurance Fund for Health Insurance Benefits” (hereafter the Fund) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-1 et seq. and regulations established by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
 2. The Borough Chief Financial Officer shall remain and bear responsibility for the Fund in the same manner and to the same extent as other public funds under his/her care. All interest earned on the Fund shall accrue to the Fund’s principal.
 3. The Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer shall annually estimate the probable maximum exposure of the Fund during the calendar year.
 4. The Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer shall include as part of the recommended annual operating budget, an amount, in his/her opinion, needed to

adequately fully fund the employee health reimbursement account and responsibly estimate the costs associated with the calendar year.

5. The Borough Administrator, upon the recommendation of the Borough's Risk Manager shall fix reasonable rates of reimbursements for all insurance carried by the Insurance Fund to be applied to the various covered persons and dependent categories, and shall effect all insurance in the Insurance Fund or with any insurance company or companies authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

6. The Borough Council of the Borough of Westwood shall appropriate such funds as are necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Self-Insurance Fund for Group Health Insurance Benefits is established.

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty days after final passage and publication according to law.

Adopted: _____

Approved:

Attest:

John Birkner, Jr., Mayor

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk